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NEW SPECTRUM POLICY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of spectrum policy announced recently along with the lacunae found out in such policy.

(b) the criteria developed for allotment of such spectrum;

(c) whether any representations have been recently received from different Telecom operators;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to review the spectrum policy; and

(f) the time by which new and modified policy is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (d) The initial spectrum is being allotted to the mobile telecom services in accordance with the relevant provisions of Unified Access Service License (UASL), subject to availability of spectrum. With growth of service and increased subscriber base, additional spectrum is allotted subject to availability as per eligibility criteria which is based on the no. of active subscribers, peak traffic of the operator's network, demographic features of the service area. These criteria are reviewed from time to time taking into account relevant factors and technological developments. The latest criteria were issued in January, 2008.

(e) & (f) At present the service providers are paying spectrum charges based on percentage/share of their Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR). The spectrum charges are reviewed from time to time, taking into account various relevant aspects.